

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 10-11, to read as follows:

Fig. 3 shows a base sequence of the levansucrase gene (SEQ ID NO. 5) and an amino acid sequence deduced therefrom (SEQ ID NO. 6).

Please replace Fig. 3 (sheet 3 of 9) of the application with the Replacement Sheet appended to this Response.